GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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FDI IN NATURAL RUBBER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to allow 100% FDI in the production of Natural Rubber;

(b) if so, whether the Government has evaluated its impact on the existing processing units run by cooperative societies and the individuals;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to withdraw the decision of 100% FDI in rubber sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) : The extant policy does not permit FDI in rubber plantations.

(b)&(c): Does not arise. However, in order to help better technology infusion, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) up to 100% under the automatic route has been permitted in the processing and warehousing of coffee and rubber vide Press Note 4 (2006 Series) dated 10.2.2006.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.